AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Project for expansion of area under coconut is in operation in 14 States and 2 Union Territories with an outlay of Rs. 328.744 lakh during the Seventh Five Year Plan period.

The Scheme envisages a coverage of 11.426 ha., besides maintenance of 3 lakh seedlings already planted in the Canal Embankments in Orissa and planting of 13,000 seedlings in the Canal Embankments in Karnataka.

(c) An area of 677.40 ha. has been brought under coconut cultivation in Orissa so far during the 7th Plan period.

Setting up of aluminium plants in the country

11 41. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Aluminium plants which have been set up by the Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO) at different places in the country;

(b) the production of aluminium in those plants in 1987-88; and

(c) the projection made by BALCO for the production of Aluminium in 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) has set up an integrated alumina / aluminium complex at Korba in Madhya Pradesh with a metal capacity of 100,000 TPY alongwith matching down stream facilities.

The erstwhile Aluminium Corporation of India, a sick Unit in the private sector in West Bengal was nationalised on 2.6.84 and vested in BALCO. This Unit is now being referred to as Bidhanbag Unit of BALCO. Only Fabrication Complex of this Unit is in operation.

(b) The Production of Aluminium in these two plants of the Company during 1987-88 has been as under:

Saleable Metal from Korba	91,111 Tonnes
Fabricated Products from Bidhanbag Unit (Ingot supplied from Korba)	1,607 Tonnes

(c)The projections made by BALCO for production of Aluminium during 1989-90 are as under:-

Saleable Metal from Korba	96,000 Tonnes
Fabricated Products from Bidhanbag Unit (Ingots to be supplied (from Korba)	2,200 Tonnes

Expansion of Ferro-Chrome Plant in Orissa

1142. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to expand the Ferro-Chrome plant set up at Jajpur Road in Orissa;

(b) if so, the amount earmarked for the expansion of the Ferro-Chrome plant; and

(c) the details of the plan drawn up for the expansion of that plant?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Government has no such proposal. But an application has been received from the Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa Limited (IDCOL), a public sector undertaking of the State Government of Orissa, for expansion of the Ferro Chorme plant at Jajpur Road.

(b) and (c) IDCOL is a public sector undertaking of the State Government of Orissa. The question of earmarking funds and drawing up of plan by the Central Government for expansion of the capacity of the above plant, therefore, does not arise.